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**W. Louis Sands**  
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1949  
Education: Mercer 1971 BA, 1974 JD  
Began Service: May 1994  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Government:** Chief Legal Assistant to the District Attorney, Macon Judicial Circuit, State of Georgia (1974); Assistant District Attorney, Macon Judicial District, State of Georgia (1975-1978); Assistant United States Attorney, Middle District of Georgia, United States Department of Justice (1978-1987)

**Chambers of Chief Judge W. Louis Sands continued**

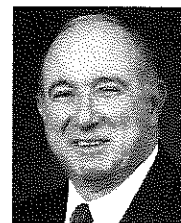
**Judicial:** Judge, Georgia Superior Court, Macon Judicial Circuit (1991)  
**Legal Practice:** Partner, Mathis, Sands, Jordan & Adams (1987-1991)  
**Military Service:** Captain, United States Army Reserve (1971-1980)  
**Current Memberships:** American Judicature Society; State Bar of Georgia; Albany County Bar Association

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**Hugh Lawson**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1941  
Education: Emory 1963 BA, 1964 LLB  
Began Service: December 29, 1995  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Judicial:** Circuit Judge, Georgia Superior Court, Oconee Circuit (1979-1995); Administrative Judge, Georgia Superior Court, Eighth Judicial District (1986-1989)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Lawson & Lawson (1965-1979)

**Current Memberships:** Federal Judges Association

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**Clay D. Land**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1960  
Education: Georgia 1982 BBA, 1985 JD  
Began Service: December 28, 2001  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Government:** State Senator, Georgia General Assembly (1995-2000)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Hatcher, Stubbs, Land, Hollis & Rothschild (1985-1989); Partner, Hatcher, Stubbs, Land, Hollis & Rothschild (1989-1990); Partner, Buchanan & Land, LLP (1990-2001)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Columbus Bar Association; State Bar of Georgia

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**Duross Fitzpatrick**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1934  
Education: Georgia 1961 BS, 1966 LLB  
Began Service: 1986  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Judicial:** Judge, County Recorder's Court (1974-1979); President, State Bar of Georgia (1984-1985); Member, Georgia Chief Justices Commission of Professionalism (1992-1998); Member, Federal Judges Association, Board of Directors (1998-2001)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Elliott & Davis (1966-1967); Private Practice (1967-1983); Senior Partner, Fitzpatrick & Mullis (1983-1986)

**Military Service:** United States Marine Corps (1954-1957)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Foundation; American Inns of Court; Georgia Bar Foundation; Macon Bar Association; State Bar of Georgia

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**Claude W. Hicks, Jr.**  
Chief Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1945  
Education: Furman 1967 BA; Mercer 1970 JD  
Began Service: 1986  
Term Expires: 2010

**Judicial:** United States Magistrate Judge (part-time), United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia (1983-1986)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1970-1986)

**Military Service:** United States Army Reserve (1967-1975)

**Current Memberships:** Macon Bar Association; State Bar of Georgia

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**C. Ashley Royal**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1949  
Education: Georgia 1971 AB, 1974 JD, 1976 MS  
Began Service: December 28, 2001  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Government:** Assistant District Attorney, District Attorney's Office, Augusta Judicial Circuit (1974-1975)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Howard, Howard & Royal (1976); Public Defender, Glynn County (1976-1977); Associate, Falligant, Kent & Toporek (1977-1978); Solo Practitioner (1978); Associate, Fulcher, Fulcher, Hagler, Harper & Reed (1979-1980); Partner, Kent, Barrow & Royal (1980-1983); Of Counsel, Jones, Cork & Miller, LLP (1984-1985); Partner, Jones, Cork & Miller, LLP (1985-2001)

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**Wilbur D. Owens, Jr.**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1930  
Education: Georgia 1952 LLB  
Began Service: March 1, 1972  
Appointed By: President Richard M. Nixon

**Academic:** Vice President and Trust Officer, Bank of Albany (1955-1959); Secretary and Treasurer, Southeastern Mortgage Company (1959-1962)

**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, Middle District of Georgia, United States Department of Justice (1962-1965)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Smith, Gardner & Owens (1954-1955); Partner, Bloch, Hall, Hawkins & Owens (1965-1972)

**Military Service:** United States Air Force (1952-1954); United States Air Force Reserve (1954-1968)

**Current Memberships:** Macon Bar Association; State Bar of Georgia

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